**Series: God and Kings (2 Chronicles)  
Sermon: How to Destroy a Nation (and Your Life)  
Bible Verses: 2 Chronicles 10  
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**Growth Group prep**

* Look back through 2 Chronicles 10. Would you add anything to the list of wise or unwise choices Rehoboam made?
* Why do you think Rehoboam *wanted* to be a "difficult" King? What drove him to give that answer? What role did that play in him accepting or rejecting the Elder and young advisors advice?
* Let's be honest: Think of a time when you didn't do #1. What was it like? Did things turn out okay, or not? Is that unusual or not?

**Big Question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do we make wise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

King Rehoboam was in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the people seemed leery of his leadership and a potential new King (Jeroboam) had returned to Israel.

Israel and Jeroboam give Rehoboam an opportunity: we'll serve you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so hard on us.

Rehoboam takes three days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the issue (great choice!) **and** meets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for advice (super great choice!).

Rehoboam rejected the elder's advice and listened to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts.

*Advice is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and recommendations on the right course of action. It is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do what you already want to do.*

**Reheboam takes his friend's advice, and the nation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Israel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into Israel and Judah, and never fully reunites.**

REJECTING WISDOM RESULTS IN NATIONS COLLAPSING! Therefore, it is pretty easy to see how rejecting wisdom could ruin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Practical application on *how* to make wise choices:**

1) Take time to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the issue.

2) Ask this question: What will benefit me most in \_\_\_\_\_ years? What will benefit me most in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years?

3) Obey what my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people say about my choices.

4) Don't be unduly influenced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and choose them carefully.

5) Obey what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says.